

PROCLAMATION **NORTH DAKOTA EMERGENCY** JULY 9, 2004, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WHEREAS, the drought conditions in several counties in western and south central North Dakota have created a shortage of livestock feed and pastureland; and

WHEREAS, designated no-mow areas in the state covering over eight thousand acres have been left to grow over the course of the summer; and

WHEREAS, the harvesting of the hay in these designated no-mow areas would serve to increase the total livestock feed available in the state; and

NOW THEREFORE, I proclaim an "emergency" for the state of North Dakota and order the Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation to lift the ban on mowing in no-mow areas until livestock feed levels in the state are back to normal levels.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

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Attest:	
/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State	
 Deputy	